

## CLAIMS:

1. A device, particularly an electroluminescent display device (1), comprising two or more parts (2, 7) which define a cavity (8) for accommodating one or more components, such as an electroluminescent element (3, 4, 5), and which are sealed together by means of a thermosetting adhesive (6) present at the interface (11) of the two or more parts (2, 7), **characterized in that** at least one channel (10) is provided in said interface (11).

2. A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a reservoir for the adhesive (6) is present at one or both ends of the channel(s) (10).

3. A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein a capillary reservoir (12) is located at the end of the channel(s) (10) that is (are) farthest remote from said cavity (8), i.e. outside the cavity (8).

4. A device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein one of the parts (2, 7) has a substantially polygonal, e.g. rectangular, interface (11) with the channel(s) (10) being located in one (or more) of the corners of the polygonal interface (11).

5. A device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, which device comprises a substantially flat substrate (2) on which an electroluminescent element (3, 4, 5) is deposited and a pre-formed cover (7) of a sheet material, which is shaped to define part of the cavity (8), the channel(s) (10) and, optionally, the reservoir(s).

6. A method of manufacturing a device, particularly an electroluminescent display device (1), comprising two or more parts (2, 7), the method at least comprising the steps of applying a thermosetting adhesive (6) to the interface (11) of at least one of the parts (2, 7), bringing the parts (2, 7) together and thus forming a cavity (8) (for) accommodating one or more components, such as an electroluminescent element (3, 4, 5), and heating the device so as to cure the thermosetting adhesive (6), **characterized in that**, after bringing the parts (2, 7) together, at least one channel (10) is present in the interface (11) of these parts

(2, 7), and in that the amount of adhesive (6) in the channel (10) and/or in the cavity (8) near the channel (10) is such that the increase of pressure resulting from the said heating is at least partially relieved by displacement of the adhesive (6) in the channel(s) (10).

- 5 7. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the adhesive (6) flowing out of the channel (10) is captured by at least one reservoir (12) outside said cavity (8).

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